

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 6,150,426 to Curtin et al. Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Curtin et al in view of U.S. Patent 3,085,083 to Schreyer.

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Curtin et al in view of WO 02/096983 A1.

Applicants respectfully traverse for the reasons set forth in the Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed September 29, 2009, incorporated herein by reference.

Applicants further request a Suspension of Action for three months in order to study and respond to the issues raised in the Advisory Action dated October 6, 2009.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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